

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18, and add new Claims 19 to 21 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A document processing method wherein print setting information settings-for printing a document is set ~~are changeable~~, the method comprising:
 - an importing step of importing the document;
 - a setting step of setting the print setting information for the document imported in the importing step;
 - an instructing step of instructing that the print setting information set in the setting step is registered as template information or that new print setting information is registered as template information;
 - a displaying step of displaying a first setting screen including an item for setting a name of the template information and including the print setting information set in the setting step when the instructing step instructs that the print setting information set in the setting step is registered as template information, and displaying a second setting screen for setting the new print setting information when the instruction step instructs that the new print setting information is registered as template information;
 - a registering registration-step of registering the template information for the print setting information set in the setting step with the name set by using the first setting screen when the first setting screen is displayed in the displaying step, and registering the template information for the new print setting information set by using the second setting screen when the

second setting screen is displayed in the displaying step print settings for a document being edited as template information; and

a reading step of reading the template information registered in said registration step as print settings for the imported document being edited or a new document.

2. (Original) The document processing method according to claim 1, further comprising a template editing step of editing the contents of a template registered in said registration step.

3. (Currently amended) The document processing method according to claim 1, wherein the second setting screen contains an item in which a name of the template information is set and an item in which the new print setting information is set, said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each subtree; and said registration step registers print settings set for the whole of said tree structure as a template:

4. (Currently amended) The document processing method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying step displays the second setting screen to which default values are set, said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each subtree; settings made at a lower hierarchy are preferentially applied to overlapped setting items; and said registration process registers print settings to be applied to a selected subtree as a template:

5. (Original) The document processing method according to claim 1, further comprising a document editing step of editing said document, wherein print settings are changeable in the document editing step.

6. (Currently amended) The document processing method according to claim 1, wherein said print setting information includes settings include at least any of printing method, paper direction, gutter and binding direction, page layout, enlargement/reduction, watermark, header and footer, paper discharge method, setting of bookbinding, cover and back cover, index paper, slip paper and chapter separation.

7. (Currently amended) A document processor capable of ~~changing~~ setting print setting information settings for printing a document, the document processor comprising:

an importing unit for importing the document;

a setting unit for setting the print setting information for the document imported by the importing unit;

an instruction unit for instructing that the print setting information set by the setting unit is registered as template information or that new print setting information is registered as template information;

a display unit for displaying a first setting screen including an item for setting a name of the template information and including the print setting information set by the setting unit when the instruction unit instructs that the print setting information set by the setting unit is registered as template information, and displaying a second setting screen for setting the new

print setting information when the instruction unit instructs that the new print setting information is registered as template information;

a registration unit for registering the template information for the print setting information set by the setting unit with the name set by using the first setting screen when the first setting screen is displayed by the displaying unit, and registering the template information for the new print setting information set by using the second setting screen when the second setting screen is displayed by the displaying unit print settings for a document being edited as template information; and

a reading unit for reading the template information registered by said registration unit as print settings for the imported document ~~being edited~~ or a new document.

8. (Original) The document processor according to claim 7, further comprising a template editing unit for editing the contents of a template registered by the registration unit.

9. (Currently amended) The document processor according to claim 7, wherein the second setting screen contains an item in which a name of the template information is set and an item in which the new print setting information is set said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each subtree; and said registration unit registers print settings set for the whole of said tree structure as a template.

10. (Currently amended) The document processor according to claim 7, wherein the display unit displays the second setting screen to which default values are set said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each subtree; settings made

at a lower hierarchy are preferentially applied to overlapped setting items; and said registration unit registers print settings to be applied to a selected subtree as a template.

11. (Original) The document processor according to claim 7, further comprising document editing unit for editing said document, wherein print settings are changeable by the document editing unit.

12. (Currently amended) The document processor according to claim 7, wherein said print setting information includes ~~settings include~~ at least any of printing method, paper direction, gutter and binding direction, page layout, enlargement/reduction, watermark, header and footer, paper discharge method, setting of bookbinding, cover and back cover, index paper, slip paper and chapter separation.

13. (Currently amended) A computer program product including a computer-readable recording medium to which a computer-executable program is recorded, the program causing a computer to execute a document processing method wherein print setting information settings for printing a document is set ~~are changeable~~, and the program comprising:

a code for an importing process for importing the document;

a code for a setting process for setting the print setting information for the document imported by the importing process;

a code for an instructing process for instructing that the print setting information set by the setting process is registered as template information or that new print setting information is registered as template information;

a code for a displaying process for displaying a first setting screen including an item for setting a name of the template information and including the print setting information set by the setting process when the instructing process instructs that the print setting information set by the setting process is registered as template information, and displaying a second setting screen for setting the new print setting information when the instructing process instructs that the new print setting information is registered as template information;

a code for a registration process for registering the template information for the print setting information set by the setting process with the name set by using the first setting screen when the first setting screen is displayed by the displaying process, and registering the template information for the new print setting information set by using the second setting screen when the second setting screen is displayed by the displaying process~~print settings for a document being edited as template information; and~~

a code for a reading process for reading the template information registered by said registration process ~~as print settings for the imported document being edited~~ or a new document.

14. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 13, further comprising a code for a template editing process for editing the contents of a template registered by said registration process.

15. (Currently amended) The computer program product according to claim 13, wherein the second setting screen contains an item in which a name of the template information is set and an item in which the new print setting information is set.

said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each subtree; and said registration process registers print settings set for the whole of said tree structure as a template:

16. (Currently amended) The computer program product according to claim 13, wherein the display process displays the second setting screen to which default values are set said document has a tree structure with pages as leaves; print settings are settable for each subtree; settings made at a lower hierarchy are preferentially applied to overlapped setting items; and said registration process registers print settings to be applied to a selected subtree as a template.

17. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 13, further comprising a code for a document editing process for editing said document, wherein print settings are changeable by the code for the document editing processing.

18. (Currently amended) The computer program product according to claim 13, wherein said print setting information includes settings include at least any of printing method, paper direction, gutter and binding direction, page layout, enlargement/reduction, watermark, header and footer, paper discharge method, setting of bookbinding, cover and back cover, index paper, slip paper and chapter separation.

19. (New) The document processing method according to claim 1, wherein
said setting step sets print setting information for respective chapters and print
setting information for respective pages,

said registration step registers the template information containing the print setting
information for respective chapters when a chapter is selected and the instruction step instructs
that the print setting information set in the setting step is registered as the template information,
and

said registration step registers the template information containing the print setting
information for respective pages when a page is selected and the instruction step instructs that the
print setting information set in the setting step is registered as the template information.

20. (New) The document processor according to claim 7, wherein
said setting unit sets print setting information for respective chapters and print
setting information for respective pages,

said registration unit registers the template information containing the print setting
information for respective chapters when a chapter is selected and the instruction unit instructs
that the print setting information set by the setting unit is registered as the template information,
and

said registration unit registers the template information containing the print setting
information for respective pages when a page is selected and the instruction unit instructs that the
print setting information set by the setting unit is registered as the template information.

21. (New) The computer program according to claim 13, wherein

said setting process sets print setting information for respective chapters and print setting information for respective pages,

said registration process registers the template information containing the print setting information for respective chapters when a chapter is selected and the instruction process instructs that the print setting information set by the setting process is registered as the template information, and

said registration process registers the template information containing the print setting information for respective pages when a page is selected and the instruction process instructs that the print setting information set by the setting process is registered as the template information.